

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

BUDGET

Senator Alexander, Chair
Senator Negrón, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Friday, April 15, 2011

TIME: 1:30 —6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Alexander, Chair; Senator Negrón, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Benacquisto, Bogdanoff, Fasano, Flores, Gaetz, Hays, Joyner, Lynn, Margolis, Montford, Rich, Richter, Simmons, Siplin, Sobel, Thrasher, and Wise

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SCR 4 Haridopolos	Balanced Federal Budget; Urges Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to achieve and maintain a balanced federal budget. BC 04/15/2011 Not Considered	Not Considered
2	CS/SB 1198 Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities / Bogdanoff (Similar CS/CS/CS/H 887)	Communications Services Tax; Requires that a dealer compute the communications services tax based on a rounding algorithm. Provides options to the dealer for applying the rounding algorithm. Provides that a dealer is not required to collect the tax based on a bracket system. Removes the provision requiring the Department of Revenue to make available tax amounts and applicable brackets. Provides that the act does not provide a basis for assessment of any tax not paid or create a right to certain refunds or credits, etc. CU 03/21/2011 Fav/CS BFT 04/13/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 19 Nays 0
3	CS/SB 1180 Transportation / Latvala (Similar CS/CS/H 1363, Compare CS/H 149, CS/CS/H 991, H 1371, H 1389, CS/S 524, CS/CS/S 768, S 1404, CS/S 1570, S 1934, S 1966, S 2152)	Transportation; Provides that the Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission has the primary and exclusive authority to monitor certain designated functions related to passenger rail systems. Removes from the Florida Transportation Commission the responsibility and duty to monitor the efficiency, productivity, and management of all publicly funded passenger rail systems in the state, etc. TR 03/22/2011 Temporarily Postponed TR 03/29/2011 Fav/CS BTA 04/13/2011 Fav/12 Amendments BC 04/15/2011 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 19 Nays 0

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4	SB 1252 Smith (Identical H 1087)	Persons Designated to Receive Insurer Notification; Changes the designated person or persons who must be notified by an insurer from the "insured" to the "first-named insured" in situations involving the nonrenewal, renewal premium, cancellation, or termination of workers' compensation, employer liability, or certain property and casualty insurance coverage. Changes the designated person or persons who must be notified by an insurer from the "insured" to the "first-named insured" in certain situations involving the cancellation or nonrenewal of motor vehicle insurance coverage, etc. BI 03/16/2011 Favorable BC 04/15/2011 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
5	CS/SB 1312 Agriculture / Siplin (Compare CS/H 7219)	School Nutrition Programs; Cites this act as the "Healthy Schools for Healthy Lives Act." Transfers and reassigns functions and responsibilities, including records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations and other resources for the administration of the school food and nutrition programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conduct, supervise, and administer all school food and nutrition programs, etc. AG 03/28/2011 Fav/CS BGA 04/13/2011 Favorable BC 04/15/2011 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 19 Nays 0
6	SB 1330 Hays	Residential Property Insurance; Authorizes an insurer to use a rate for residential property insurance that differs from its otherwise filed rate after a specified date under certain circumstances. Requires insurance agents to obtain a signed acknowledgment from an applicant for coverage and certain policyholders relating to surcharges and assessments potentially being imposed under a Citizens Property Insurance Corporation policy. Specifies circumstances under which an insurer may offer or renew residential property insurance policies subject to the amendments to provisions contained in this act, etc. BI 03/16/2011 Favorable BC 04/15/2011 RC	Amendment Adopted - Temporarily Postponed

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7	CS/SB 2010 Criminal Justice / Braynon (Similar CS/H 369, Compare H 4215, S 2018)	Faith- and Character-based Correctional Programs; Provides legislative intent with respect to expansion of the faith- and character-based initiative. Provides requirements for faith- and character-based programs. Deletes provisions relating to funding. Revises requirements for participation by inmates in such programs. Deletes provisions requiring the assignment of chaplains to community correctional centers. Provides for the faith- and character-based institutions within the state correctional system to allow peer-to-peer programming whenever appropriate, etc. CJ 04/04/2011 Fav/CS BC 04/15/2011 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 19 Nays 0
8	CS/SB 1568 Banking and Insurance / Montford (Similar CS/H 1007)	Insurer Insolvency; Authorizes the Department of Financial Services to request appointment as ancillary receiver if necessary to obtain records to adjudicate covered claims. Provides for the reimbursement of specified costs associated with ancillary delinquency proceedings. Provides for the State Risk Management Trust Fund to cover specified officers, employees, agents, and other representatives of the Department of Financial Services for liability under specified federal laws relating to receiverships, etc. BI 03/22/2011 Fav/CS BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
9	CS/SB 1714 Banking and Insurance / Hays (Compare CS/CS/H 1243)	Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; Discontinues policy discounts relating to the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation after a certain date. Directs the corporation to provide coverage to certain excluded residential structures but at rates deemed appropriate by the corporation. Provides that certain residential structures are not eligible for coverage by the corporation after a certain date. Prohibits the corporation from levying certain assessments with respect to a year's deficit until the corporation has first levied a specified surcharge, etc. BI 03/29/2011 Fav/CS BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Temporarily Postponed RC	Temporarily Postponed

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10	CS/SB 1300 Criminal Justice / Storms (Similar CS/H 997, Compare H 839)	Juvenile Civil Citations; Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to encourage and assist in the implementation and improvement of civil citation and similar diversionary programs. Requires that a juvenile civil citation and similar diversion program be established at the local level with the concurrence of the chief judge of the circuit and other designated persons. Authorizes a law enforcement agency, the Department of Juvenile Justice, a juvenile assessment center, the county or municipality, or an entity selected by the county or municipality to operate the civil citation or similar diversion program, etc. CJ 03/22/2011 Fav/CS JU 03/28/2011 Favorable BC 04/13/2011 Temporarily Postponed BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Not Considered	Not Considered
11	SB 1620 Flores (Compare H 7197, CS/CS/S 1546)	K-12 Educational Instruction; Adds statewide virtual providers to the list of public school choices. Authorizes the creation of a virtual charter school. Requires the virtual charter school to contract with an approved statewide virtual provider. Provides for funding of the virtual charter school. Provides for a blended-learning charter school. Provides that home education students may enroll in certain virtual education courses or courses offered in the school district in which they reside, etc. ED 04/05/2011 Favorable BC 04/13/2011 Not Considered BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Not Considered RC 04/15/2011 Not Received	Not Considered
12	CS/SB 740 Transportation / Negrón (Similar CS/H 437)	Motor Vehicle Licenses; Redefines the term "line-make vehicles" to clarify circumstances under which vehicles sold or leased under multiple brand names or marks constitute a single line-make. Revises application of provisions relating to franchise agreements. TR 03/09/2011 Fav/CS BI 03/16/2011 Favorable BC 04/13/2011 Not Considered BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 16 Nays 1

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13	SB 1996 Education Pre-K - 12 (Compare CS/CS/H 1255, H 1341, CS/H 7087, CS/CS/S 1696, S 2026)	Student Assessment Program for Public Schools; Deletes a provision requiring that certain middle school students who earned high school credit in Algebra I take the Algebra I end-of-course assessment during the 2010-2011 school year. ED 03/17/2011 Favorable BEA 03/24/2011 Favorable BC 04/13/2011 Not Considered BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 19 Nays 0
14	CS/CS/SB 1618 Judiciary / Rules Subcommittee on Ethics and Elections / Diaz de la Portilla (Compare CS/CS/H 1355)	Elections; Allows a respondent who is alleged by the Elections Commission to have violated the election code or campaign financing laws to elect as a matter of right a formal hearing before the Division of Administrative Hearings. Authorizes an administrative law judge to assess civil penalties upon the finding of a violation. Authorizes an administrative law judge to assess civil penalties upon a finding of a violation of the election code or campaign financing laws, etc. EE 03/21/2011 Fav/CS RC 03/29/2011 Favorable JU 04/12/2011 Fav/CS BC 04/13/2011 Not Received BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Not Considered	Not Considered
15	CS/SB 556 Criminal Justice / Oelrich (Compare CS/CS/CS/CS/H 353)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program; Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to perform a drug test on individuals who apply for benefits funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. Makes individuals responsible for bearing the cost of drug testing. Requires certain notice. Provides procedures for testing and retesting. Provides for notice of local substance abuse programs. Provides that, if a parent is deemed ineligible due to failing a drug test, the eligibility of the children is not affected. CJ 03/22/2011 Fav/CS BHA 04/13/2011 Fav/1 Amendment BC 04/13/2011 Not Considered BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 12 Nays 7

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16	CS/SB 1388 Education Pre-K - 12 / Flores (Similar CS/CS/H 965)	Department of Revenue; Authorizes the department to release certain taxpayers' names and addresses to certain scholarship-funding organizations. Deletes a limitation on the amount of tax credit allowable for contributions made to certain scholarship-funding organizations. Extends the carry-forward period for the use of certain tax credits resulting from contributions to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Deletes a restriction on a taxpayer's ability to rescind certain tax credits resulting from contributions to the program. ED 03/30/2011 Fav/CS BC 04/13/2011 Not Considered BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Not Considered RC 04/15/2011 Not Received	Not Considered
17	SB 1974 Hill (Compare H 1217)	Driver's License Examinations; Provides requirements for examination questions pertaining to traffic regulations relating to blind pedestrians. TR 03/29/2011 Favorable BC 04/13/2011 Not Considered BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
18	SB 550 Hays (Identical H 4097)	Repealing Budget Provisions; Deletes certain budget summary requirements. Repeals a provision relating to Mobility 2000 funding. Conforms cross-references. TR 02/22/2011 Favorable BC 04/13/2011 Not Considered BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Not Considered RC 04/15/2011 Not Received	Not Considered
19	CS/SB 100 Banking and Insurance / Ring (Similar H 1431)	Autism; Requires that a physician refer a minor to an appropriate specialist for screening for autism spectrum disorder under certain circumstances. Requires that certain insurers and health maintenance organizations provide direct patient access to an appropriate specialist for screening for or evaluation or diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. Requires certain insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts to provide a minimum number of visits per year for screening for or evaluation or diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, etc. HR 03/22/2011 Favorable BI 03/29/2011 Fav/CS BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Not Considered	Not Considered

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20	SB 1850 Evers (Similar H 1233, Compare CS/H 4157, CS/S 618)	Juvenile Justice; Includes children 9 years of age or younger at the time of referral for a delinquent act within the definition of those children who are eligible to receive comprehensive mental health services. Encourages law enforcement agencies, school districts, counties, municipalities, and the Department of Juvenile Justice to establish prearrest or postarrest diversion programs and to give first-time misdemeanor offenders and offenders who are 9 years of age or younger an opportunity to participate in the programs, etc. CJ 03/28/2011 Favorable CF 04/04/2011 Favorable BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
21	SB 352 Joyner (Similar H 263)	Civil Citations/Minors; Requires the expungement of the nonjudicial arrest record of a minor who successfully completes a civil citation program. Requires the Department of Law Enforcement to expunge the nonjudicial record. Sets forth the conditions that apply in order for the department to expunge the record. Authorizes the department to charge a processing fee. BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Not Considered	Not Considered
22	SB 1052 Altman (Identical H 673, H 1463)	Crisis Stabilization Units; Increases the number of client beds a crisis stabilization unit is authorized to provide. HR 03/22/2011 Favorable BC 04/15/2011 Not Considered	Not Considered
23	SB 1632 Lynn (Identical H 4033)	Florida Industrial Development Corporation; Repeals provisions relating to the Florida Industrial Development Corporation. Deletes references to conform to changes made by the act. CM 04/05/2011 Favorable BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0

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24	SB 1992 Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Compare H 7233)	Background Screening; Includes volunteers within the definition of the term "direct service provider" for purposes of background screening. Exempts a volunteer who meets certain criteria and a client's relative or spouse from the screening requirement. Exempts certain licensed professionals and persons screened as a licensure requirement from further screening under certain circumstances. Requires direct service providers working as of a certain date to be screened within a specified period. Provides a phase-in for screening direct service providers, etc. CF 03/22/2011 Favorable BC 04/15/2011 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
BILLS FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION:			
25	CS/SB 746 Criminal Justice / Altman (Similar CS/H 105)	Open House Parties; Provides that a person who violates the open house party statute a second or subsequent time commits a misdemeanor of the first degree. Provides that a person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree if the violation of the open house party statute causes or contributes to causing serious bodily injury or death to the minor, or causes or contributes to causing serious bodily injury or death to another person as a result of the minor's consumption of alcohol or drugs at the open house party. Provides criminal penalties. RI 03/09/2011 Favorable CJ 03/28/2011 CJ 04/04/2011 Fav/CS BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 16 Nays 0
26	CS/CS/SB 888 Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities / Judiciary / Dean (Identical CS/CS/H 75)	Offense of Sexting; Provides that a minor commits the offense of sexting if he or she knowingly uses a computer, or any other device capable of electronic data transmission or distribution, to transmit or distribute to another minor any photograph or video of any person which depicts nudity and is harmful to minors. Provides noncriminal and criminal penalties. Provides that the act does not prohibit prosecution of a minor for conduct relating to material that includes the depiction of sexual conduct or sexual excitement or for stalking, etc. CJ 03/14/2011 Fav/1 Amendment JU 03/28/2011 Fav/CS CU 04/04/2011 Fav/CS BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 17 Nays 0

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27	SB 714 Margolis (Identical H 247)	Disabled Parking Permits; Provides for a parking enforcement specialist or agency to validate compliance for the disposition of a citation issued for illegally parking in a space provided for people who have disabilities. Revises requirements for renewal or replacement of a disabled parking permit. Prohibits applying for a new disabled parking permit for a certain period of time upon a second finding of guilt or plea of nolo contendere to unlawful use of such permit, etc. TR 03/09/2011 Favorable CJ 03/28/2011 Favorable BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 17 Nays 0
28	CS/CS/SB 1524 Commerce and Tourism / Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities / Simmons (Similar CS/CS/H 1231, Compare H 4149)	Telecommunications; Creates the "Regulatory Reform Act." Revises legislative intent with respect to the jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission. Repeals provisions relating to price regulation, regulatory methods for small local exchange telecommunications companies, experimental and transitional rates, limited proceedings, procedures for seeking a stay of proceedings, joint rates, tolls, and contracts, rate adjustment orders, intrastate interexchange service contracts, and unlawful charges against consumers, respectively, etc. CU 03/21/2011 Fav/CS CM 03/29/2011 Fav/CS BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 17 Nays 0
29	SB 118 Bullard (Identical H 981, Compare CS/CS/S 1150)	Bicycle Safety; Revises safety standard requirements for bicycle helmets that must be worn by certain riders and passengers. Provides for enforcement of requirements for bicycle lighting equipment. Provides penalties for violations. Provides for dismissal of the charge following a first offense under certain circumstances. TR 02/22/2011 Favorable CJ 03/14/2011 Favorable BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 17 Nays 0

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30	SB 996 Simmons (Identical CS/H 87)	Communications Among Branches of State Government; Cites this act as the "Communication of Judicial Opinions Act." Requires the clerks of the State Supreme Court and district courts of appeal to transmit certain judicial opinions to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within a specified time. JU 03/22/2011 Favorable GO 04/05/2011 Favorable BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 17 Nays 0
31	SB 904 Dean (Identical H 431)	Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards; Requires that the application form for an original, renewal, or replacement driver's license or identification card include an option to make a voluntary contribution to Disabled American Veterans, Department of Florida. Provides that such contributions are not income of a revenue nature. MS 03/23/2011 Favorable TR 04/05/2011 Favorable BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 17 Nays 0
32	CS/SB 378 Rules Subcommittee on Ethics and Elections / Gaetz (Identical CS/H 227)	Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot; Authorizes absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to use the federal write-in absentee ballot to vote in any federal and certain state or local elections, under certain circumstances. Prescribes requirements for designating candidate choices. Provides for the disposition of valid votes involving joint candidacies. Allows for abbreviations, misspellings, and other minor variations in the name of an office, candidate, or political party. Authorizes the submission of multiple ballots under certain circumstances, etc. EE 03/07/2011 Fav/CS RC 04/05/2011 Favorable BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 17 Nays 0
33	SB 1792 Díaz de la Portilla (Identical H 4001)	Growth Policy; Repeals provisions relating to the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program, to terminate the program. Conforms cross-references to changes made by the act. CA 03/28/2011 Favorable BTA 04/13/2011 Favorable BC 04/13/2011 Not Considered BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 17 Nays 0

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Bill will be taken up the week of 4/25 -			
34	CS/SB 2040 Judiciary / Judiciary (Compare H 691, S 518, S 1896)	Unauthorized Immigrants; Requires every employer to use the federal program for electronic verification of employment eligibility in order to verify the employment eligibility of each employee hired on or after a specified date. Provides an exception for employers who request and receive from the employee certain driver's licenses or identification cards. Requires the employers to check the documents using authentication technology, etc. JU 04/04/2011 Fav/CS BC 04/13/2011 Temporarily Postponed BC 04/14/2011 Not Considered BC 04/15/2011 Not Considered	Not Considered